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ANTIFUNGAL DEFENSIN AND
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003. Accordingly, this response is due on or before April 14, 2003.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

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2. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, wherein said pepper thionin-like protein (*PepThi*) is expressed in a plant in response to infection by a microorganism.

3. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is a cDNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.